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SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING: DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AND EVALUATION
GROUP POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS

REF: STATE 71683

1. IN CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND APRIL 18, I CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. IN SUPPORT OF THORSTENSEN AND HOUGH. AFTER MAKING ARGUMENTS PARA 1.A, B AND C, DIRECTOR GENERAL ASKED ME TO GIVE HIM THESE POINTS IN WRITING, WHICH I AGREED TO DO. I LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON PARA B BECAUSE I HAD HEARD FROM DR. ROMETSCH THAT CZECH CANDIDATE BARABAS HAD HAD NO RPT NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN SAFEGUARDS WORK. DR. EKLUND TOLD ME THAT WHEN AMB EROFEEL CALLED ON HIM IN SUPPORT OF BARABAS, HE CLAIMED BARABAS HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDS IN CZECHSOSLOVAKIA. I TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS CONTRARY TO THE INFORMATION THAT I HAD RECEIVED.

2. I TOLD THE DG I WAS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO PRESS CANDIDACY OF HOUGH FOR EVALUATION GROUP IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT NO VACANCY NOTICE HAD BEEN ISSUED NOR, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, HAD EVALUATION GROUP BEEN ESTABLISHED. I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESULTS OF REORGANIZING OF DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

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3. DG REPLIED THAT DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING REORGANIZATION IN DEPT OF SAFEGUARDS HAD BEEN CAUSED BY HIS RECENT TRAVELS AS WELL AS THOSE OF DDG ROMETSCH, BUT HE ASSURED ME THAT IT WAS HIS SINCERE HOPE TO HAVE THESE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE CONVENING SALZBURG CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE DID NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO ISSUE VACANCY NOTICE FOR

POSITION OF CHIEF OF EVALUATION GROUP. HE FELT THAT HE HIMSELF COULD MOVE TO FILL THAT POSITION WITHOUT ADVERTISING POST.

4. HE RECALLED DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR TAPE IN WASHINGTON IN LATE MARCH, AT WHICH TIME HE HAD STRESSED THAT HE BELIEVED US SHOULD NOMINATE BEST POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR EVALUATION GROUP POST. WHILE HE DID NOT INDICATE HOUGH WAS NOT BEST CANDIDATE, HE WANTED TO BE ASSURED THAT WE HAD MADE THOROUGH CANVAS TO IDENTIFY BEST QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL. I TOLD HIM I UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR TAPE THAT HE HAD HELD WIDE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS POINT AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT HOUGH WAS BEST QUALIFIED NOMINEE.

5. AT CLOSE OF DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT, DG INFORMED ME HE DID NOT PLAN TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THESE POSTS UNTIL AFTER SALZBURG CONFERENCE.

6. BEGIN COMMENT. GIVEN EMPHASIS DG LAID ON US CANDIDATE FOR EVALUATION GROUP, I FEAR WE AGAIN HAVE MAJOR UPHILL STRUGGLE TO GET THORSTENSEN APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR DIVISION OPERATIONS A. I PROPOSE TALK TO MY WESTERN COLLEAGUES HERE AND URGE THEM TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES TO DG IN SUPPORT OF THORSTENSEN'S CANDIDACY. I BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF STRONG MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR THORSTENSEN COULD COME FROM HIGH LEVEL IN US GOVERNMENT AND PERHAPS ALSO FROM CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. END COMMENT.STONE

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